signal systems at important intersections and prominent stretches of the arterial roads is being carried out.

(iii) Partial restriction on the movement of Heavy Traffic Vehicles in some areas and total ban in some others has been enforced.

Possibilities of violence

1007. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have alerted the State Governments about the possibilities of a spurt in communal and Naxalite violence and atrocities against Harijan in the pre election year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The maintenance of public order and communal harmony is not a one time exercise. Even though law and order is a State subject, the Central Government constantly keep in touch with the various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations with a view to ensuring public order and communal harmony and prevention of violence against Harijans and other weaker sections of the society. Apart from this, timely alerts are sounded and guidance and advice provided as and when required. The Central forces have also been made available to the States as and when requests for the same are made. The need for strengthening the administrative machinery of the State Governments has been specially stressed and they have been requested to take measures like arrest of anti-social elements, searches and seizures for the recovery of illegal arms and ammunition and action against elements inciting violence.

बंदूकों का आयात

1008. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री पृथ्वी माझी :

क्या **गृह** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्र सरकार ने सभी प्रकार की बन्दूकों के आयात पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर दिलाया गया है कि पूर्ण प्रतिबंध लगा दिये जाने के कारण विशेषकर रिवाल्वर तथा पिस्तौल की कीमतें अत्यधिक बढ़ गयी हैं क्योंकि उनका निर्माण भारत में कहीं कहीं होता है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इन हथियारों के वैध लाइसेंस धारण करने वाले व्यक्तियों को पिस्तौल और रिवाल्वर का आयात करने की अनुमति देने पर विचार करेगी ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) और (ख) कानून और व्यवस्था की वर्तमान स्थिति के कारण पुरस्कार योजना तथा सामान्य नियम के अन्तर्गत अग्नेयास्त्रों के आयात पर दिनांक 13-11-1986 से प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है ।

(ग) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(घ) जी नहीं श्रीमान ।